



DC Workforce Investment Council Minutes Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Members Present: Barbara Lang, DC WIC Chair; Joan Kuriansky, WOW; Jalal Greene, Director, DHCD; Greg Irish, DOES Director; John Butler, Archbishop Carroll High School; Gerard Murphy – WANADA, Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development, Stanley Jackson, Maria Olivas, Verizon, Al Browne, CPDC; Dr. William Pollard – UDC. **Guest Present:** Margaret Singleton, DCCC; Dorothea Gross, AgeWise Solutions; **DCWIC Staff Present:** Keith Mitchell, Lillian Nazario and Amelia Lofton

The Chair welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.,. This meeting was hosted by Verizon, Inc. Following introductions, the chair indicated that Ron Collins, DC Boards & Commissions would conduct the swearing in of new members, followed by a short DCWIC business meeting. The overall purpose of this meeting was a facilitate work session for the development of the DCWIC vision, missions and work plan. **Member participation at this meeting was %.**

The chair called for a motion to accept minutes from the December, 2005 DCWIC general meeting. Motion passed. Keith provided the treasurer's report indicating DCWIC's FY06 Budget and Expenditure as of March, 2006. Following discussions, members asked for a detail report on the DCWIC allocations, both federal and local, intra-district allocations, and participation and monitoring of the DC Budget hearing process for workforce development agencies. Points of discussion relating to the DCWIC budget included:

- Financial "drill down" report
- Stronger linkage with planning and economic development initiatives
- Where does the money go [DOES; DMP&ED]
- DCWIC members as brokers of ALL deals
- Taking part in the DC budget discussions and conversations [FY07]
- Shaping DCWIC's financial agenda
- Re-mapping of workforce development resources
- Changing demographics of the Districts unemployed population

The chair provided overview on:

- Way to Work legislation and its impact on the local business community
- Steve Fuller's Economic forecast for DC
- Barriers to a "World Class City"[Public education; affordable workforce housing; engagement of the business community
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Following the business meeting, the chair indicated that Connie Spinner, Director of the State Education Agency would facilitate the work session. The break out session addressed the following workforce development questions:

- What is happening now?
- What success looks like?
- What needs to happen?

While in deliberations, members were asked to keep in mind economic development initiatives, public education system, strategic priorities addressing the un-employed, and gaps in training and education. Members also addressed the DCWIC vision and mission statements incorporating the chairs re-vitalizing,

re-invigorating, and re-assessing the board and it's committee structure. A report on the findings and recommendations will be developed by DCWIC staff. The chair indicated that the final report will serve as the basis for the DCWIC members to partner and collaborate in addressing issues and local challenges, and greater collaboration and engagement by the business sector

Handouts:

Building a Workforce Investment System for Today and Tomorrow
DCWIC's Best Practice Report 2005

Submitted by Jos Williams, DCWIC Secretary

The next DCWIC general board meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2006.